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# **Advisory Announcement**

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### ANITA BAY TERMINAL HARVEST AREA FISHERIES ANNOUNCEMENT

Southern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (SSRAA) is forecasting total runs of 291,000 summer chum, 9,900 Chinook, and 11,800 coho salmon to the Anita Bay release site in 2022. It is anticipated that 113,500 summer chum, 6,900 Chinook, and 5,200 coho salmon will be available for harvest in the Anita Bay terminal harvest area (THA).

Anita Bay THA is scheduled to close to common property commercial salmon fishing beginning at 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 6. Cost recovery efforts will be conducted through the entirety of the summer chum run. If cost recovery efforts cease prior to September 1, the area will be open to rotational harvest beginning with purse seine, through Wednesday, August 31. Any openings prior to September 1 will be announced by a subsequent advisory announcement.

The Anita Bay THA will be open continuously to harvest salmon with troll gear from 5:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, through 11:59 p.m., Wednesday, July 6, and from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, September 1, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will be open to harvest salmon with drift gillnet and purse seine gear concurrently from 5:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 12, then on a rotational basis from 12:00 noon, Monday, June 13, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 6, and concurrently from 12:01 a.m., Thursday, September 1, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, November 10. The Anita Bay THA will close for the season at 12:00 noon, Thursday, November 10, 2022.

Anita Bay THA consists of those waters of Anita Bay south and west of a line from the tip of Anita Point at 56°13.68′ N lat, 132°22.48′ W long to a point on the northern shore at 56°14.26′ N lat, 132°23.93′ W long.

Waters closed to commercial salmon fishing within the THA include:

- (1) from 5:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 16, the waters of the Anita Bay THA north and east of a line from 56°12.90′ N lat, 132°24.51′ W long to 56°12.75′ N lat, 132°23.50′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon with commercial seine and drift gillnet gear;
- (2) from Wednesday, June 15, through Saturday, June 25, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.19′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (3) from Sunday, June 26, through Friday, July 1, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°26.98′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon;
- (4) and from Saturday, July 2, through Wednesday, July 6, the waters of the Anita Bay THA west of 132°28.00′ W long will be closed to the harvest of salmon.

From 12:01 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, through 11:59 p.m., Sunday, July 10, waters within 0.25 nautical mile of the northern shoreline of Anita Bay west of a line from 56°12.33′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long to 56°12.06′ N lat, 132°26.19′ W long and east of a line from 56°11.96′ N lat, 132°29.57′ W long to 56°11.73′ N lat, 132°29.36′ W long will be open.

Beginning Monday, June 13, the following rotation schedules will be in effect through July 6, unless changed by a subsequent announcement.

#### **Purse Seine**

From 12:00 noon, Monday, June 13, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 14

From 12:00 noon, Friday, June 17, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 18

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 21, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 22

From 12:00 noon, Saturday, June 25, to 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 26

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 29, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 30

From 12:00 noon, Sunday, July 3, to 12:00 noon, Monday, July 4

#### **Drift Gillnet**

From 12:00 noon, Wednesday, June 15, to 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 16

From 12:00 noon, Sunday, June 19, to 12:00 noon, Monday, June 20

From 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 23, to 12:00 noon, Friday, June 24

From 12:00 noon, Monday, June 27, to 12:00 noon, Tuesday, June 28

From 12:00 noon, Friday, July 1, to 12:00 noon, Saturday, July 2

From 12:00 noon, Tuesday, July 5, to 12:00 noon, Wednesday, July 6

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Troll Gear</u>: Chinook salmon harvested within the Anita Bay THA that are 28 inches or greater in length may be retained and sold.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions for Purse Seine Gear</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested within the Anita Bay THA may be retained and sold from 5:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 1, through 12:00 noon, Monday, July 4.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1E0322.

Advisory announcement website: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main.

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